



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: PRODUCTION OF A DIRECTLY COMPRESSIBLE TABLETTING AID

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 21-25 as follows:

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~~21. A tablet composition comprising more than 90% by weight xylitol and less than 10% of at least one other polyol wherein the composition is produced by dissolving xylitol and at least one other polyol and spray drying or fluidized bed granulating the resulting mixture.~~

et
22. A process for producing a tablet composition, comprising making an aqueous solution of xylitol and at least one other polyol, the resulting solution having a xylitol content of more than 90% by weight based on the total polyol content.

23. A process according to claim 22, the process further comprising:

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- b1) spraying the resulting ~~mixture~~ *solution* in a stream of air at a temperature of 120°C - 300°C, evaporation of the water taking place, *or*
 - b2) fluidizing the resulting ~~mixture~~ *sl.* in a stream of air at a temperature of 30°C -

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